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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS ON DECRIMINALIZATION OF
MARIHUANA

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1. LUXEMBOURG LAW MAKES NO DISTINCTION BETWEEN MARIHUANA AND
OTHER NARCOTICS. THE LAW PROVIDES FOR THE FOLLOWING PENALTIES:

SIMPLE POSSESSION 3 MONTHS - 3 YEARS

SIMPLE TRAFFICKING 1 YEAR - 5 YEARS

ORGANIZED TRAFFICKING 15 YEARS - 20 YEARS

2. IN PRACTICE NO CASE OF SIMPLE POSSESSION OF MARIHUANA EVER
SEES COURT. PARA-LEGAL PROCEDURES HAVE BEEN SET UP TO PROVIDE
COUNSELING AND REHABILITATION FOR SUCH OFFENDERS WITHOUT
CRIMINAL SANCTION BEING TAKEN AGAINST THEM. THE AUTHORITIES HERE
HAVE GONE OUT OF THEIR WAY TO AVOID IMPRISONING YOUNG PEOPLE FOR
NARCOTICS VIOLATIONS. THIS ALSO HOLDS TRUE, BY THE WAAY, FOR
SIMPLE POSSESSION AND USE OF HEROIN, WHICH RESULTS IN AN
OBLIGATORY, SUPERVISED COUNSELING AND REHABILITATION PROGRAM.
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